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Sir:

This paper is filed as a complete response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 27, 2002 for which a three month time for response was set. Accordingly, the present Reply is timely filed. Appropriate reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested based upon the present amendments and this Reply.

The second application, USSN 09/758,092, subsequently published as U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0127361 A1. A copy of this publication is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449 listing the publication. The Examiner is requested to make the cited application of record.

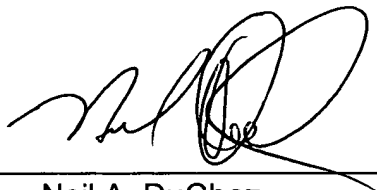
**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action allowing all of the claims pending in this application is requested.

In the event issues remain in the prosecution of this application, Applicant requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to expedite allowance of the application. If any additional fees are required for the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account #18-0988, Docket No. AVERP2822US.

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